

**Town of Richmond, New Hampshire  
Warrant and Budget March 2018**

To the inhabitants of the town of Richmond, in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs: **You are hereby notified to meet at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in said Richmond on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of March next between eleven (11:00) o'clock in the forenoon and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following subjects:**

**Article 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. One Cemetery Trustee, 3 year term; one Library Trustee, 3 year term; two Planning Board members, 3 year term; one Planning Board member, 1 year term; one Selectmen, 3 year term; one Moderator, 2 year term; one Town Clerk, 3 year term; one Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 year term; one Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 year term.

**Further you are hereby notified to meet at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of March next at nine (9:00) o'clock in the morning to act on the business matters of the Town(Articles 2-26).**

**Article 2.** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (as amended 2012) for the purpose of purchasing highway vehicles and highway maintenance equipment; to the purpose of purchasing, repairing and maintaining highway vehicles and highway maintenance; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents. 2/3 vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of structural and other repairs to, and exterior painting of, the library. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by March 31, 2020 whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 4.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for cutting, disposing and stumping trees on town-owned land adjacent to the Earl Howard Cemetery which will be used for future Cemetery expansion when needed. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by March 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,000 for road upgrade and reconstruction, said appropriation to be non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or March 31, 2020, whichever is earlier. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$55,000 from the Highway Block Grant. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the construction of a parking Lot with plantings on the Town lot known as Four

Corners. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$291,528 for General Government. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$20,000 from logging of town owned land. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,533 for the purpose of increasing the annual stipend paid to the Town Clerk (which includes payroll related expenses such as taxes, social security and medicare) from \$24,440 per year (proposed) to \$25,864 per year. This sum is in addition to the amount contained in the operating budget of the town. If this article passes, the Town Clerk will receive an annual stipend of \$25,864, while if this article fails, the Town Clerk will continue to receive an annual stipend of \$24,440. If this article passes, this additional amount will be included in operating budget of the town in this and future years. This appropriation is not recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,825 for Public Safety. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,487 for the purpose of increasing the police operating budget (from \$120,489 (proposed) to \$143,976) to allow for the hiring of a full-time police officer. This sum is in addition to the amount contained in the operating budget of the town. If this article passes, the police department will proceed to search for a full-time officer, while if this article fails, the police department will continue to be staffed by part-time personnel. If this article passes, this additional amount will be included in the operating budget of the town in this and future years. This appropriation is not recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$281,394 for Highway, Streets and Sanitation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,326 for Health and Welfare. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,725 for Culture and Recreation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,650 for Debt Services. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$20,000 from logging of town owned land. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.



**Article 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

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**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Fund Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Public Safety Radio Communication Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 23.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Police Safety Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 24.** By Petition of citizens of Richmond, Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Clean Energy Management (BOEM) to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy will move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire. Resolution to Move Forward on Offshore Wind Development Whereas The State of New Hampshire has committed to 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050, but has yet to develop a plan to achieve that goal, and needs to work toward a sustainable energy system to ensure protection of the health of its people, environment, and economy before this date, and Whereas the federal Department of Energy has determined that the Gulf of Maine has a total potential wind power capacity in excess of 200,000 Megawatts within 50 miles off the coasts of New Hampshire, Maine and northeastern Massachusetts, and that utilizing just a small percentage of this potential, combined with other renewable resources, could provide most of the future power needs of our region, and Whereas operation of floating wind farms 10 to 50 miles off our coast is expected to have much Less impact on our environment and public health than all existing power sources, as well as creates less aesthetic concern than terrestrial

wind farms, and Whereas development and operation of offshore wind farms have the potential to create large numbers of jobs and other economic activity within Portsmouth Harbor and other NH coastal communities, and Whereas a bipartisan NH legislative study committee report in 2015 concluded that "The wind resource off of New Hampshire's coast has the potential to generate significant amounts of electricity," and that "offshore wind development has the potential to generate significant economic activity within Portsmouth Harbor ..., "recommending that the Governor request formation of an intergovernmental Task Force and stakeholder process to plan for regional offshore wind development, Resolved, the Town of Richmond supports efforts to develop wind power off the New Hampshire coast and urges Governor Sununu to make a formal request to the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to form a Task Force and stakeholder process to plan for regional offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine. Further, the Town Council will send written notice of support for this resolution to Governor Sununu within 30 days of its passage.

**Article 25.**

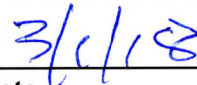
To hear any reports of Agents, Committees, etc. heretofore chosen and to take any action thereon.

**Article 26.** To take any action that may legally come before the meeting.

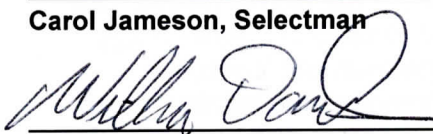
Given under our hand and seal, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Selectmen of Richmond,

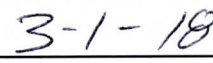
  
Christin Daugherty, Chairman of Select Board

  
Date

Carol Jameson, Selectman

  
William Daniels, Selectman

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